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To: EBSA, E-OHPSCA - EBSA
Subject: Medical benefits

Dear Department of Labor:

You requested comments on mental health benefits. I am encouraged to see that mental health benefits will be treated the same as health benefits for physical problems. If someone has a physical problem they are not told "you can see the doctor three times and then we will reevaluate." That is what the mental health recipient is told. Yes, there are things that can be treated in three sessions and yet it is not the norm. People are not so eager to go to counseling that they come in without a legitimate problem. So, now their legitimate problems will receive treatment.

Thank you,

JoAnn Koester, LCPC